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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the heads of States of Saudi Arabia, France, USA and Australia with their business delegations visited India during first quarter of this year;

(b) if so, whether anyone of them has shown interest in Indian agro and rural industries;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) if not, the steps taken to project the importance of agro and rural industries products in the International market?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

(a) to (c) His Majesty King Abdullah Bin Abdul Aziz of Saudi Arabia visited India on the eve of Republic Day of India and had meeting with Prime Minister of India. Joint Business Council Meeting was organized by Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FICCI). No specific interest was shown in Indian Agro and Rural Industries.

H.E. Jacques Chirac, President of the French Republic along with the business delegation visited New Delhi on 20.2.2006. The delegation did not comprise of representatives from the Agro Rural Industries.

H.E. George W. Bush, President of United States visited India from March, 1-3, 2006. The two sides endorsed an agreed workplan to bilateral trade in agriculture through agreements that lay out a path to open the US market and provide for discussions on current regulations affecting trade in fresh fruits, vegetables, poultry and dairy products.

Prime Minister of Australia visited India on 6th March, 2006 when a Trade and Economic Framework (TEF) between the two countries was signed. Initiatives and cooperation under TEF in key potential sectors including agriculture and food beverage industry will strengthen bilateral trade and investment.

(d) Not applicable.